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Persistent in the Right; Fearless in Opposing Wrong.

VOLUME 15.

COLLEGEVILLE, PENN'A. MAY 15, 1890.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—In pursuance of an act of Assembly approved March 17, 1890, and supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery county, will meet the taxpayers of said county, at the following named times and places, for the purpose of receiving the State and County Taxes for the year 1890, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Borough of Norristown, 1st and 2d wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Monday, June 2, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Norristown, 3d and 4th wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Tuesday, June 3, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Norristown, 5th and 6th wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Wednesday, June 4, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Norristown, 7th and 8th wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Thursday, June 5, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Norristown, 9th ward and borough of Bridgeport, at the County Treasurer's office, Friday, June 6, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Township of Norristown, at the County Treasurer's office, Saturday, June 7, from 8½ to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Conshohocken, 1st ward, at the public house of Vincent J. Broomall, Monday, June 9, from 9 to 12.

Borough of Conshohocken, 2d ward, at the public house of Morris Burgauer, Monday, June 9, from 1 to 3½.

Borough of West Conshohocken, at the public house of Dennis Eagan, Tuesday, June 10, from 8 to 11.

Borough of Conshohocken, 3d ward, at the public house of James Ward, Tuesday, June 10, from 1 to 3½.

Township of Lower Merion, Bryn Mawr district, at the office of J. S. Garrigue, Wednesday, June 11, from 9 to 11½.

Township of Lower Merion, Upper district, at the public house of Jesse K. Johnson, Wednesday, June 11, from 12½ to 3½.

Township of Lower Merion, Lower district, at the public house of James Baird, Thursday, June 12, from 8 to 11.

Township of Lower Merion, Ardmore district, at the public house of Joseph H. Edwards, Thursday, June 12, from 12 to 3.

Township of Lower Merion, East district, at the office of Bernard McKongle, Friday, June 13, from 9 to 11½.

Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of Magdaline B. Hoy, Saturday, June 14, from 10 to 3.

Township of Plymouth, at the public house of Wm. Hortensine, Monday, June 16, from 9 to 3.

Township of Whitemarsh, east district, at the public house of Wm. Shaffer, Tuesday, June 17, from 9 to 11.

Township of Springfield, at the public house of Edward McCloskey, Tuesday, June 17, from 12 to 3.

Township of Whitemarsh, middle and west districts, at the public house of John Byerly, Wednesday, June 18, from 9 to 3.

Township of Whitemarsh, at the public house of Elwood Hart, Thursday, June 19, from 10 to 3.

Township of Gwynedd, lower district, at the public house of Samuel C. Custer, Friday, June 20, from 9 to 12.

Township of Gwynedd, upper district, at the public house of Sylvester C. Bean, Friday, June 20, from 1 to 3.

Borough of North Wales, at the public house of J. K. Schwenk, Saturday, June 21, from 10 to 3.

Township of Upper Providence, upper district, at the public house of Jacob Smoyer, Monday, June 23, from 9 to 3.

Township of Upper Providence, lower district, at the public house of Henry S. Miller, Wednesday, June 23, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Royersford, at the public house of Thomas A. Frey, Thursday, June 26, from 10 to 3.

Township of Worcester, at the public house of Robert C. Lownes, Thursday, July 3, from 10 to 3.

Township of Limerick, at the public house of H. H. Schleicher, Saturday, July 5, from 10 to 3.

Township of Douglass, east district, at the public house of H. H. Remington, Monday, July 7, from 8 to 11½.

Township of Douglass, west district, at the public house of Jacob L. Bickel, Monday, July 7, from 1 to 4.

Township of Lower Salford, at the public house of A. E. Weand, Tuesday, July 8, from 9 to 3.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of Jonas Haring, Wednesday, July 9, from 10 to 3.

Borough of East Greenville, at the public house of N. B. Keely, Thursday, July 10, from 8 to 12½.

Borough of Pottstown, at the public house of D. K. Graber, Thursday, July 10, from 1 to 4½.

Borough of Pottstown, at the public house of George Schenkel, Friday, July 11, from 8½ to 11½.

Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Samuel Barndt, Friday, July 11, from 12½ to 3½.

Township of Frederick, at the public house of H. Walter Williams, Saturday, July 12, from 8 to 12½.

Township of Upper Salford, East district, at the public house of Jacob P. Dannehower, Monday, July 14, from 10 to 3.

Township of Upper Salford, West district, at the public house of John Bookhamer, Monday, July 14, from 1 to 4.

Township of Lower Salford, at the public house of V. S. Ziegler, Tuesday, July 15, from 9 to 3.

Township of Skippack, at the public house of Henry G. Croli, Wednesday, July 16, from 9 to 3.

Township of Perkiomen, at the public house of David H. Bean, Thursday, July 17, from 9 to 3.

Township of Franconia, at the public house of Aaron M. Nye, Friday, July 18, from 9 to 3.

Borough of Greenlane, at the public house of Cornelius M. Tyson, Saturday, July 19, from 8 to 12.

Township of Hatfield, at the public house of Jesse M. Curver, Monday, July 21, from 10 to 3.

Township of Towamencin, at the public house of A. S. Bickel, Tuesday, July 22, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Lansdale, at the public house of A. G. Freed, Wednesday, July 23, from 9 to 3.

Township of Montgomery, at the public house of Francis Kile, Thursday, July 24, from 10 to 3.

Township of Upper Dublin, at the public house of Charles H. Palmer, Friday, July 25, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Ambler, at the public house of Samuel P. Godfrey, Saturday, July 26, from 9 to 12.

Township of Horsham, at the public house of J. K. Hallowell, Monday, July 28, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Harboro, at the public house of John B. Jones, Tuesday, July 29, from 10 to 3.

Township of Merion, Lower district, at the public house of C. F. Miller, Wednesday, July 30, from 8 to 11½.

Township of Moreland, Upper District, at the public house of F. Ehrenforth, Wednesday, July 30, from 1 to 4.

Township of Abington, at the public house of George Herrman, Thursday, July 31, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Jenkintown, at the public house of J. F. Gottman, Friday, August 1, from 9 to 2.

Township of Cheltenham, West district, at the public house of Charles M. Soliday, Saturday, August 2, from 8 to 12.

Township of Cheltenham, East district, at the public house of Ben. Min. C. DaBree, Tuesday, August 5, from 10 to 3.

Borough of Pottstown, 2d and 3d wards, at the Opera House, Pottstown, Wednesday, August 6, from 9 to 3.

Borough of Pottstown, 4th and 5th wards, at the public house of Edward A. Kelley, Thursday, August 7, from 9 to 3.

Borough of Pottstown, 6th and 7th wards, at the public house of Nath. B. Fryer, Friday, August 8, from 9 to 3.

Borough of Pottstown, 8th ward, at the public house of William J. Ritter, Saturday, August 9, from 8 to 11.

Borough of Pottstown, 9th ward, at the public house of J. W. Guidin, Saturday, August 9, from 1 to 4.

Borough of Pottstown, West ward, at the Shuler House, Monday, August 11, from 9 to 3.

Township of Lower Pottsgrove, at the public house of Kate V. R. Ganger, Tuesday, August 12, from 8 to 12.

Township of Upper Pottsgrove, at the public house of Samuel Geiger, Tuesday, August 12, from 1 to 4.

Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's office from June 2 to September 15, from 8½ to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.

Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied by postage for reply, and in all cases location of property must be definitely given.

Inquiries relative to taxes received after September 15th will not be answered.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before the 15th day of September, 1890, will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection, as per act of Assembly.

ISAAC FEGELY, Treasurer of Montgomery County.

County Treasurer's Office, J. Norristown, May 1, 1890.

All weekly papers in Montgomery county having a bona fide circulation of 500 or more will please copy.

WAYS OF BRIDEGROOMS.

"We ministers see many curious phases of human nature," said a preacher, the other day, "and not a little amusement is to be derived from watching the behavior of people who come to you to get married, for instance:

"I remember when I had a parish in the country, a big, rough farmer drove up to my house one day with a blushing giggling damsel in the wagon: After I had married them the bridegroom said:

"Money's scarce in these parts, minister, and I can't raise more than enough to pay my taxes this fall, but I'll draw you two thumpin' big loads of cordwood when snow comes, for this job."

"I told him that I had to take so large a part of my salary already in cordwood that I didn't care to marry people for it, but the job, as he called it, couldn't be undone and cordwood was better than nothing. He never brought it, however, and while his horses were standing outside they managed to chew the entire top of a little ornamented tree I had taken great pains to plant on my lawn.

"A party of gypsies surprised me one day, as they don't often insist on so much ceremony in their weddings, walked in and demanded that two of them be married. I had some difficulty in explaining that a license was just as necessary as a minister, but having decided on a formal affair, they determined after considerable discussion to go through with it. So several of them camped on my lawn while the bride and bridegroom went for a license. He had no coat, but carried an immense bundle of something, which he seemed unwilling to let go for an instant. She was in her bare feet, and seemed to be troubled with no worldly possessions at all save a calico gown. As they walked she kept a little ahead of him with a saucy air, while he followed with the bundle. After the ceremony he helped her take up the bundle and she trudged behind. That was the only difference I could see in the pair, but it was a significant one.

"A young farmer came to me one day," continued the minister, "with a girl who evidently had advanced ideas of style. She was attired in all the colors of the rainbow, and he thought she knew it all, though he felt a little abashed at the unwonted finery. They brought no witness, and as my married sister and her husband were there on a visit from their city home to my backwoods parsonage and were bound to get all the entertainment out of my surroundings that they could, they gladly agreed to be bridesmaid and best man at a country wedding. They were very well dressed people, indeed, so that their internal convulsions of laughter may be imagined when the bride said:

"Henry, distribute the gloves.

"Henry dutifully fished out of his coat-tail pocket several pairs of course, white gloves of the short-wristed, elastic-bound variety, which had evidently done duty before at some bacchanal funeral, and gravely handed them around.

"They were so deeply in earnest about it and so evidently thought that they were doing the thing up in the latest style that we all pulled on the gloves and wore them without a smile throughout the ceremony, though mine sadly interfered with turning the leaves of my prayer book. When I called on the bride afterward I found conspicuous on her parlor centre table a pretentious book on etiquette, from which, no doubt she had culled her ideas of "How to conduct marriage ceremonies."

"There are plenty of men, too, who want to get the thing done as cheap as possible, and are prepared to haggle over the fee.

"Is that all there is to it?" they say, when the ceremony is over. "Pretty short, ain't it? Didn't take much trouble. What's the fee, sir? Times is hard just now and—"

"Oh, just pay whatever you think your wife is worth, I always say to these fellows, with a smile at the bride. That generally stops the haggler and raises a laugh against him.

"The thriftiest man who ever came to me for this purpose, however, was one I met with in Canada, where I had a parish for a short time just after I came out from England, my native land. He came alone and opened the conversation in this way:

"What will it cost me, minister, to get married?"

"Two dollars for license," I said, "and two for my fee."

"W-h-e-w," he whistled. Four dollars! Isn't there any cheaper way than that?"

"You can get along without the license," I said, "by having the banns published by me for three successive Sundays in the church."

"Won't twice do?" he asked.

"No, I replied.

"I can't leave them that long in the ground," he said, in a troubled tone, "and it will cost me \$5 to tell you about them."

"What are you talking about, man," I said, thinking perhaps that he was drunk.

"The potatoes, of course, he said. Didn't I tell you about them?"

"No," I said, "what about them?"

"Well, he said, there's my field of potatoes. They're ripe and ready to gather. I must get to work at once and fork them out of the hills, but I have no one to pick them up after me. Did you ever pick potatoes?"

"No," I said, "I never did, but I understand it's hard work."

"It is that," he replied, "and I'd have to pay a man or boy at least \$5 to pick that field and board him beside. Now, the woman I'm going to marry is a stout and willing girl and she'll pick the field for nothing, if I can only get her in time. But the three weeks of banns is going to put the work off too late. What would you do?"

"It's a case where I don't feel called on to give my advice," I answered a little teasingly, as I could not help thinking of the willing bride breaking her back picking potatoes for such a churl.

"He considered awhile, and at last decided to spend \$2 for a license as he would thus save \$3 in cash on his potato picking and get three weeks of hard work out of the willing bride into the bargain.

"Some bridal parties are exceedingly jolly," continued the talker, "so much so, in fact, that I have often had to stop in the middle of the service and lecture the bride or bridesmaids for giggling, and others again are so solemn that I feel it my duty to cheer them up a little. I have a few old stock jokes for such occasions, which never fail to provoke a laugh. When I give the bride her marriage 'lines,' as we call the certificate, I occasionally add that I have no doubt she will hold the reins also. One bridegroom whom I cheered with the observation that this was the end of all his troubles returned some time after and remonstrated with me, saying that his marriage was really the beginning of his woes. The only defence I could urge for making so rash a statement was:

"My friend I did not say which end."

"But this did not seem to console him to any great extent.

"An uncouth couple annoyed me into playing a practical joke on them once. It happened in this way: They called on me just as I was getting into my buggy to start on a visiting tour. They were ill-looking, ill-mannered people, and seemed altogether lacking reverence for the ceremony or its consequence. He was especially rough, not to say coarse, and had evidently offended the bride on the way to my house, for she looked sulky. When I said:

"Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?" etc., he answered.

"You bet."

"I reproved him, and he finally responded sulkily, 'I will.'

"When I asked her, 'Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?' etc., she replied:

"No, I won't, I've taken a dislikin' to him. And she would not and did not. So they went away quarreling, and I was glad to see the last of them.

"About a week after they came again, and the woman said she had changed her mind, and got over her 'dislikin' to him. So they stood up again. But when I put the critical question to the man he answered coolly:

"No, I won't. I have taken a dislikin' to her." And he turned on his heel and walked out of the house, without another word leaving the woman crying with chagrin. I was sorry for her, and angry with the man for trifling with me, but I could not help thinking he had served her about right.

"About a week after that they both came back and begged me to marry them. I felt like setting the dog on them, but my cloth if nothing else, forbade that; so I stood them right up there on the veranda and began:

"Do you take this woman," etc., and 'Do you take this man,' etc., to which they both answered, 'I will.'

"Well," I said, "it seems that you are both willing this time, but I am not. I have taken a strong dislikin' to both of you, and you will have to get some one else to marry you."

"With this I stepped back into the house, closed the door and left them both standing on the veranda looking as sheepish as you please. No amount of sermons would have done so much good in vindicating the dignity of the church to such intellects and that was my excuse for playing a practical joke on such an occasion."

By Request of W. C. T. U., of Collegeville.

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY MRS. E. A. KRUSEN.

"Go forth among men, not mailed in scorn, But in the armor of pure intent, Great duties are before you, and great aims; And whether crowned or crownless, when you fall It matters not, so that God's work is done."

We should prove our own work, that is, not ask a man to give up a great evil unless we are willing to give up a lesser one. The fashionable wine bibber should be ashamed to ask the whiskey drinker to forsake his cups. Fashionable wine-drinking ministers and wine-drinking politicians making temperance speeches is a sad burlesque. Yea, even for men who are slaves to the tobacco habit and must have their cigar two or three times a day, to ostracize the wine-drinking man is an inconsistency. He who cannot give up the useless, expensive, filthy, disgusting tobacco habit ought not to ask another to give up the wine habit. Be consistent. Bear your own burden, and then you can ask others to bear theirs. Resist your own temptations and then ask others to resist theirs. Learn that God is not mocked. It is vain to trifle with His laws. The laws of the spiritual life are as sure as those of the physical world. We reap what we sow; yea, we reap more than we sow. If we sow to the wind, we reap the whirlwind. The moderate drinker becomes the reeling drunkard. The wine-bibber finds his appetite growing upon him. The strength of the appetite increases until it binds a man's soul in bondage. "They that sow to the flesh shall reap corruption."

Why will not young men heed the warning? But the worst is not the physical corruption, but the moral and spiritual degradation. No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. The wine habit destroys one's moral and spiritual perception. It ruins both soul and body. Think of the illustrations of it in all our communities. He who follows his lower nature and lives for the enjoyment of his appetites ends in everlasting destruction; but, on the other hand, he who sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Temperance people are not to be weary in their work, for the temperance reform is of God, and as sure as God and truth are to triumph it will conquer. We are to do good unto all men and in particular unto those who are trying to live a good life, but have some great besetting sin or inherited passion. Help those who have a hard battle to fight. Christians are bound to help each other.—Rev. Smith Baker.

Why She Kept It.

Jobson—What kind of an animal is that you've got there, Jepson?

Jepson—A hedgehog. It is one of my wife's pets.

Job—Strange kind of a pet, I should say. Why does she keep such a thing as that about her?

Jep—Well, I suppose it is because he has so many fine points about him.

—Boston Courier.

For the Independent.

A Moonlight Reflection.

Look at the Moon! there it stands Immovable by human hands; Far out in space it shines by night Resplendent with a borrowed light. These truths we know; but who is there, Can tell who holds it high in air! We see no ropes, no guys, no steps, No hallow'd halcyons, no props; Nor wiew windlass or derrick dire, Holding this ball of earth or fire! Then here, where Nature's hidden laws Outreach our sense, let us make pause, And ponder on the Flat Fact: The Moon is there, as firm; intact; Serene; majestic; and as grand, As when it came from God's own hand— Who holds it there with unseen force And guides it in its ceaseless course! So invests He, the mind of man, But gives his body briefest span, That the immortal spark may take New lights and forms; perchance awake In other worlds; and from the Moon Look down on earth at night or noon; And see our sons and our sons' sons Trudging here with their little ones As we are now, the great and small, The high and low; poor pigmies all!

April 29, 1890. —G. N. C.

A Protest.

I have just been reading in an exchange that the ordinary work of the American housewife does not provide her with sufficient exercise. That the working house-keeper after a round of duties that keeps her on her feet, or in any event constantly active for a far longer period than it takes the sun to accomplish his diurnal cycle must, after all this, walk at least five miles daily for exercise!

Just let me stop a moment and think it over!

I have in mind a woman, a fair sample of the larger class, who rise at five o'clock every morning after working till after eleven the night before and tending a teething, fretful infant during the time she was in bed. She prepares breakfast for her eldest son and a daughter and starts them off that they may get to work at seven; then she prepares another breakfast for her husband who begins labor at eight. He retires when inclined after reading or otherwise amusing himself during the evening, and has a separate bed as he has to work and consequently cannot have his sleep disturbed. In order to relieve him as much as possible his wife does all the chores, splits kindlings and looks after supplies, besides doing the making, mending, washing, ironing, baking, cleaning, etc., for a family of seven, and after all this sows on overalls every spare moment in order to eke out the family income. The husband gets home at five p. m., but as he has been working can on an account be called on for anything further unless it be the carrying of a torch or the lifting of a "schooner."

This woman is on her feet twelve or fourteen hours every day, much of the time with a child in her arms and another tugging at her skirts, and in the lull after tea she uncovers the machine whose click, click may be heard till nearly midnight, but of course in a room far removed from her sleeping lod that its noise may not disturb him.

Will you be kind enough to tell me Sir "Exchange," for I feel certain you are a sir, when this woman and others similarly situated, shall find time and strength for a five-mile walk each day? She cannot well wash, iron or sew while walking, and even if she could cook the range would be somewhat of an encumbrance. Shall she walk at night, and if so what shall she do with the baby? for as the others all have to rest after their period of labor there is no one with whom to leave him.

I am a thorough believer in plenty of fresh air, and the better our houses are ventilated the better will be the health of the occupants. My woman needs fresh air, I allow, but that after eighteen hours' constant activity of brain and muscle she needs a five-mile or any other lengthy walk for exercise I deny. Certainly something is wrong where such a state of affairs exists, but the remedy will have to be more radical and far reaching than can be compassed by a limited or unlimited pedestrian tour.

If Sir Exchange thinks the position of working housekeeper a sinecure let him try it a few years and then remember that aside from these duties the woman is almost constantly engaged during her more active life in bearing and raising our future men and women. If he could "put himself in her place" he would find that a severe strain and one under which he would soon succumb. This world is a hard place, requiring nerve and push to make us

successful, and while I wish to see neither animal nor man wronged, I am always ready to take up the cudgels in behalf of my silent, helpless, long suffering sisters. So I say, fresh air forever! But not, if you please, a five-mile walk after this white slave has stood and walked from twelve to eighteen hours in the house.

Rather eliminate something that you now think must be done; waken the "paternal head" to a sense of his duties; reach out your hands to a fellow sufferer, take that nervous, never quiet child off her hands for an hour or two, and provide help so that she may not be driven beyond human endurance, and into the grave for the rest, where I much fear she will not be able to appreciate it.

Husbands, I know your work, but your time of service is limited, and when the eight or ten hours' task is accomplished, try to do something for the wife and children instead of holding up a lamp post or keeping in place a box at the corner grocery.

A walk, a ride, a change of scene will do this tired woman good in its time, but often the best medicine is perfect quiet and a season of absolute rest.

H. MARIA GEORGE.

For the Independent.

THE SUTRO TUNNEL.

BY JOHN H. BARNES.

In this the age of invention we look with pride on the great feats of engineering skill as performed by our great American Inventors. I will not attempt to describe but one—namely, the Sutro Tunnel of the Comstock Mining Lodge of Nevada. The tunnel, a work without a compeer in mining enterprise on this continent, was begun Oct. 1869, the object being to penetrate the mines at a point nearly

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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, May 15, 1890.

On Tuesday Ex-Mayor Richard Vaux was unanimously nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Third District of Philadelphia. The warring factions joined in a political love feast and accepted Mr. Vaux with wild hurrahs.

Mr. Vaux is one of the leading characters of the Quaker City. He is a gentleman of much ability and of scholarly attainments. There is much rugged honesty in his composition and plenty of courage to maintain his honest convictions. In naming a successor to Randall the Democrats of the Third District could not have done better.

We cheerfully acknowledge the receipt of two pamphlets from the gifted pen of Richard Westbrook, Esq., of the Philadelphia bar. The one relates to the important matter of church taxation, and the other is an open letter to Hon. Edward M. Paxson, in which the following questions, arising from an address delivered by the learned Judge, are comprehensively answered: "Was the law of Sinai the first of which we have any knowledge?" "Was Moses the greatest statesman and law giver the world has ever produced?" Mr. Westbrook's intelligent consideration of both questions in the light of demonstrable human knowledge carries with it much weight. He deals only in facts and exhibits much care, patience, and zeal in the cause of truth for truth's sake. There are two sides to every question and in this instance Mr. Westbrook sustains the negative with commanding ability and an array of astonishing facts.

Our esteemed young cotemporary, the Transcript, fears that the present movement on the part of the farmers in different sections of the county is something in the shape of a Democratic boom in disguise, and that the leaders of the movement are coquetting with prominent disciples of Democracy. Whilst we do not have at hand proof that the alarm evidenced by Brother Dambly is needless as well as unwarranted, yet we can hardly help thinking so. The Herald seems to agree with the Transcript, and goes a step further to slug the wicked free traders. With the Herald and Transcript zealously guarding the ramparts of the Republican fortress the movement of the farmers will be measured with the aid of Republican magnifying glasses, and if perchance the tide is thought to be turning and the grist directed the other way the farmers will be "hale fellows well met"—prophets of light, rather than of Egyptian darkness, none of their deeds will be evil, and the "free trade" ghost will depart hence.

So far our observation extends we must give the farmers credit for being at least radically in earnest, if not at all times politic. We believe they mean to secure fair representation at Harrisburg, without for a moment seeking to lessen the strength of either of the old parties.

CONGRESSMAN BUTTERWORTH, of Ohio, is a Republican, but for all that he is not in favor of the McKinley bill. On Tuesday he addressed Congress upon the subject of tariff reform and astonished his Republican brethren with some of his plain, unvarnished statements based upon honest convictions rather than upon party expediency. The following is a brief extract from a current report of his speech:

His first proposition was that if the theory of protection was to obtain in this country it must be so adjusted as to operate to the interest of all, not of a select few. When lower duties did the most good to the whole country, then lower duties should be had. He would strike the last vestige of duty from wool if he thought it would be to the interest of the whole country. *** He said that this bill proposed to shut the farmers out of the markets of Canada, where they sold \$217,000,000 worth of products, that the \$17,000,000 they spent in Canada might be reserved to them. He said it was proposed by this bill to tax every family in the country to raise \$50,000,000 to build up the tin plate industry, which, if it could be built up at all, would want no more protection than it has now. *** He favored proper protection, but these men held the world in their grip. When he said that he did not favor that kind of protection, he was told "You are not sound on the tariff." The time is come when some little concern should be shown to American homes and American firesides. He did not believe it was wise or prudent to make such a sweeping reduction in sugar to be supplanted by a bounty. *** He insisted that we should not create any inequalities here. He insisted that the protective system dealt with conditions and not with national boundary lines, except when the presence of these national boundary lines indicated the presence of those conditions against the influence of which it was necessary to interpose the barrier of a protective tariff. If the tariff did not deal with conditions, then a tariff was good in the abstract, and if it was the fathers of the Republic had paid themselves a

poor compliment when they provided that as between the States there should be no restriction of commerce. *** Competition never created a new industry—they were created by the work of the brain, by inventors.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON D. C., May 9, 1890.—Representatives Mills and McKinley after indulging in a figurative hand shake by each offering a resolution that the other be allowed unlimited time to speak, opened the debate upon the McKinley tariff bill in the House by making speeches from their respective points of view. The general debate on the bill will close Saturday night; there is then to be eight days debate under the five-minute rule, and if the present programme is not changed, the bill is to be voted upon May 20. The speaking will not change a single vote, nor do the Speakers expect it, but the Congressional campaign is about to open and members of both parties will take the opportunity of speaking to their constituents. The bill is certain to pass the House, practically in its present condition, but there are rumors of a republican revolt in the Senate led by Senator Allison that, if true, will make trouble for the bill. But it is generally safe to say that measures which have received the caucus approval of the party in the majority will go through, and the McKinley tariff bill is not likely to prove an exception to the rule.

The death of Senator Beck removes a notable figure from national politics. His funeral on Tuesday in the Senate chamber was simple, but impressive. "Who will succeed him?" is the question in everybody's mouth at the Capitol. Ex-Speaker Carlisle's friends say that he can have the place if he wants it, and some democrats who are not particularly friendly towards Mr. Carlisle would be glad to get him elected so as to get him out of their way in the House. Representative McCreary is also a strong favorite in the race, though some people think that some Kentuckian not prominently known in National politics will be honored by the legislature, which is now in session. The election is expected to take place next week.

The silver problem seems no nearer to solution by the republicans in Congress than ever. The Jones bill has been taken up in the Senate and it will from present indications, be passed. After the House disposes of the tariff bill it will pass the caucus silver bill, which differs radically from the Jones bill. After that comes guess work.

Senator Call has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Interstate Commerce commission to investigate cases of interference by railroads (in issuing free passes) with the election of United States Senators and Representatives. The reason for the resolution was a letter stating that free rail road passes are now being used in Florida for the purpose of influencing votes.

Senator Quay's visits to the White House have become so frequent of late that the tongues of the political gossip have been started to wagging at a great rate, and all sorts of queer political stories are being whispered around town. One of them, which will serve as a sample of the rest being that Mr. Harrison has made a bargain with Senator Quay to engineer his campaign for a re-nomination in 1892. Senator Quay has few equals as a political wire puller, but, if the opinions of the republicans in Congress and of those who visit this city reflect those of the party at large, it would require more power than Mr. Quay possesses to get Mr. Harrison re-nominated by his party in '92 or any other year.

The Morrill service pension bill which recently passed the House is not acceptable to the Senate, and that body will vote to non-concur when it comes up; it having been passed as a substitute for the Senate dependent pension bill.

There is little probability now that the appropriations made by the present session of Congress will be larger than usual, though a short time ago the indications were that they would be enormous, but the republican leaders knowing that Congressional elections are to be held this year have called a halt, and although there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the faithful there will be no shower of gold at this session. The river and harbor bill heads the list of shut-out appropriations. The Republican House caucus has expressed a willingness to adjourn by the middle of July, but the Senators, who are the real masters of the situation, have so far said nothing on the subject.

A Cyclone's Deadly Work.

THREE PERSONS KILLED AND CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY INJURED.

FREDONIA, Kan., May 11.—Meagre reports have been received of a cyclone of much destructiveness of life and property. The storm originated in the western part of Wilson county and bore almost directly eastward, passing through Prairie, Guilford and Pleasant Valley townships, but did not cause serious damage until it reached the last named township. Then its force and violence were most disastrous, the funnel shaped cloud dipping down and whirling into fragments houses, barns and other objects that came within its scope. The farm residence and barn of Joseph Wilts were torn to pieces, and Harvey Wilts, aged 16, who was in the barn, was instantly killed. The house of Frank Glidden, one mile east of Wilts, was torn to pieces and Mrs. Glidden and an infant child killed by flying timbers. Mr. Glidden and a hired woman were injured, the former dangerously. Other persons in the same vicinity who were hurt were Mrs. Sloat, Mrs. Peterson, Philip Starr and a Mr. Wood. It is feared that the injuries of the women named will prove fatal. Quite a number of other farm houses were totally destroyed.

Two Terrible Fires.

MANY INSANE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

LONGUE POINTE, P. Q., May 6.—The Asile de St. Jean de Dieu, at Longue Pointe, Province of Quebec, the largest lunatic asylum in America, except the Willard, at Ovid, N. Y., was burned on Tuesday. It contained 1,500 patients, and a staff of 200 nurses and others, and the latest accounts say that from 50 to 100 of the insane perished in the flames and that many lunatics escaped to the woods. Seven nuns perished. The property lost is valued at over one million dollars. The fire started in a closet in the women's ward just before noon. The flames quickly spread and then followed all the blood curdling horrors of a terrible asylum fire. Six five-story buildings were soon enveloped in flames and 4 four-story wings were quickly on fire also. All patients were ordered to safety save those on the upper stories. Sister Theresa escaped, but her 40 patients died in the flames. One sister was too weak to escape and three rushed to her rescue, but all four perished. Meanwhile many female patients were burned to death amid the most intense excitement. Crazy people escaped and fled howling to the woods. Among the lunatics inside the iron bars the most blood curdling scenes took place, which were only silenced by death. Some 300 are reported missing. Many valuable gifts, including one from the Pope, were burned. Very many of the victims were of the best families. The laundry, where 160 patients were housed during the night, burned, but all escaped.

NORWICH, N. Y., May 8.—The terrible catastrophe at Longue Pointe was duplicated near here last night, when the County Farm, about six miles from this place, was destroyed by fire and nine poor idiots met a horrible death. The fire started in the north end of the larger buildings occupied by Meepers Manwaring and the idiots and paupers over whom he had charge. The flames broke out on the first floor. The origin is a mystery, but so rapid was the progress that when discovered it was impossible to enter the apartments occupied by the female idiots. There were about eighty inmates in the pauper and idiot departments, which were in the main building.

Tornado in Venango County.

FRANKLIN, May 11.—A terrific rain and wind storm set in about half past 5 to-day and continued three hours, causing slides and washouts on the railroads and breaking telegraph and telephone communication. A tornado swept through the southwest portion of the county, destroying everything in its path. Several residences and barns in Victory township were demolished. Noah Jackson and wife were killed and a number of other persons injured, some seriously. The county roads were made almost impassable.

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VEGETABLE PLANTS—OUR SPECIALTY.

No Catalogue issued this year. Prices on plants, etc., will be quoted, during the season, in this paper, so watch my paper. A few hundred catalogues of last year remain on hand; any one desiring a copy for descriptions of plants, etc., will be accommodated, on application, free of charge. Prices rule about the same as last year, on general collection:

	Doz.	100.	1000
Early Cabbage Plants, 3 kinds, transplanted, now ready	10	\$.65	\$ 5.00
Early Cabbage Plants, 3 kinds, not transplanted, ready Apr 20, Cauliflower Plants, Early Snowball, transplanted	10	20	150
Egg Plants, New York Improved, transplanted	24	2.00	
Pepper Plants, Ruby King, transplanted	18	1.00	
Tomato Plants, transplanted, Indeterminate, new, 3c. each	30		
Tomato Plants, transplanted, Voluntee, Dwarf Champion, Trophy, Red Mikado and Beauty	12	.75	6.00
Sweet Potato Plants, Red and Yellow, ready May 20	25	2.00	
Early Beet plants, Eclipse	6	.40	3.00

Special rates on large orders. See later list for Celery and Late Cabbage Plants. We sold, during last season, nearly 30,000 celery plants to one firm, which speaks very well for the quality of plants we grow.

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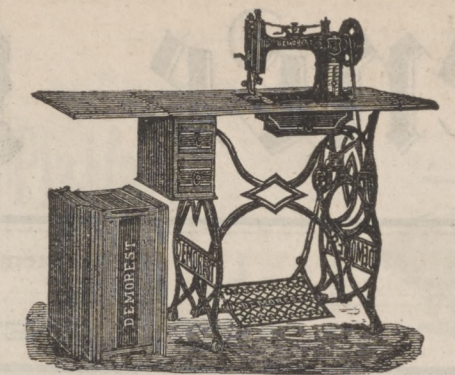
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We publish the following schedule gratuitously for the convenience of our readers.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

Milk.....6.36 a. m.
Accommodation.....8.02 a. m.
Market.....1.10 p. m.
Accommodation.....4.16 p. m.

FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.

Milk.....7.59 a. m.
Accommodation.....9.02 a. m.
Market.....3.30 p. m.
Accommodation.....6.47 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

Milk.....6.36 a. m.
Accommodation.....6.12 p. m.

NORTH.

Accommodation.....7.54 a. m.
Milk.....7.18 p. m.

Home Flashes and Stray Sparks From Abroad.

—“When a man contracts for the wages of sin it's strange, but it's always the way, He never asks, as with other jobs, He takes up, ‘Does it pay?’”

—But he finds out sooner or later, without asking.

—And many a broad acre is being planted with corn, this week.

—The growing wheat, in every section of Eastern Pennsylvania, gives promise of a prolific harvest.

—Contractor Gotschall, of Ironbridge, is putting up the foundation walls of the new depot. He will commence the brick work later.

—It is now thought by those who are in a position to be posted that the artificial ice plant at this place will go into operation not later than the 15th of next month.

—When lovers hang over the gate there is a good deal to be said on both sides before they quit.—*Texas Siftings.*

—Read what a contributor has to say about “The Sutor Tunnel” on the first page of the present issue. You will find it interesting, we think.

—Druggist Culbert comes forward with a new advertisement in this paper this week.

—Important changes in the time schedule of the Perkiomen Railroad went into effect Sunday. See corrected table at top of this column.

—It is stated that the corner stone of the new Reformed church, at Schwenksville, will probably be laid on Whit-Monday, the 26th inst.

—The second annual commencement of the Norristown township public schools will take place Thursday evening, May 22, in Jefferson Hall, Jeffersonville.

—County Treasurer Fegley's annual notice to Tax-payers will be found on the first page.

—I. T. Miller, of Limerick, is at his stables with another lot of fine western horses. See adv.

—Photographer Barnes, across the way, is an artist. His tintypes are first-class, and in the execution of photographs he stands up front. Give him a call without delay.

—The First National Bank of Norristown, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent., Tuesday, payable on demand.

—J. F. Buzby, of Royersford, recently secured a patent for an insulator.

—From B. Dadd, of the Norristown Herald: A critic says that Patti “sings ‘Home, Sweet Home,’ like an angel.” We shall have to wait until we get to heaven to hear “Home, Sweet Home,” sung as Patti sings it. The angels don't charge five dollars for a reserved seat.

—Dr. C. W. Everhart returned to Grater's Ford recently on a brief visit. It is reported that he has opened an office in Philadelphia and that his wife will soon join him.

—Tuesday, of last week, Professor Hoffecker was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of the public schools of Montgomery county. His salary was increased to \$2240.

—Col. Theo. W. Bean, of Norristown, has been engaged to deliver the Memorial Day address for the George B. McClellan Post, No. 515 of Schwenksville, on the afternoon of May 30.

—Rev. E. T. Kretschmann, pastor of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, is pursuing a special course of Assyriological studies under Prof. Hilprecht, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

—Joseph Stone, carpet weaver of this place, keeps his loom going right along, being rushed with orders.

—The Montgomery Prohibitionists will hold a District Conference at this place, on Tuesday, May 27.

—Chas. V. Detwiler, Veterinary Surgeon, of Ironbridge, is kept very busy, professionally. In all surgical operations he employs the most modern methods.

—Sunday morning and evening last Rev. Charles Collins, of Philadelphia, occupied the pulpit of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church, and delivered impressive discourses.

—The heart of Brother Moser, of the PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT, is to be gladdened. A new railroad station (he insists it is a depot) is to be built at Collegeville. Be it depot or station, Moser has long yearned for it, and should by all means have the ratification jubilee meeting he suggests would be a proper thing.—*Phoenixville Messenger.*

A Collision.

Opposite the Collegeville post office, Saturday evening, Jesse Cassel's cart and David Kulp's wagon collided. The cart was turned over and Mr. Cassel was forced to quit the same, but held fast to the lines. Neither vehicle was damaged and nobody hurt.

Strawberry Festival.

The Ladies' Guild of St. James' Episcopal church, Evansburg, will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival in the grove adjoining the church building on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 7. A good time is anticipated, as everybody expects to be there.

Under a Roller.

Mr. Oliver Pennypacker, residing on the township line road, this township, was engaged in rolling his corn ground last Saturday, when he accidentally fell under the roller. As a consequence his right leg was painfully bruised. He might have fared much worse, as his position at the time of the accident was perilous.

Appraiser's Report.

Gideon M. Nyce, of Pottstown, Mercantile Appraiser of Montgomery county for 1890, has completed his duties and his list of all persons subject to license under the State laws. The list comprises 1573 names of persons or firms, of whom 1262 are dealers in foreign and domestic merchandise, 47 real estate agents and brokers, 193 hotel-keepers, 24 restaurants, 13 wholesale liquor stores, 8 bottlers, 3 brewers and 1 brewers' agent.

Utilizing Coal Once Rejected.

A reader of the INDEPENDENT, at present residing in the coal regions of this State, writes to the editor of this paper as follows: “When the first coal was mined at some of the large celleries of Schuylkill county, many years ago, the value of coal was much less than now, and when there was no demand for chestnut and pea coal it was dumped in large amounts on the ash bank along with the usual dirt from the mines. There are almost mountains of this admixture of coal and dirt in the coal regions, and the coal is now being separated by washing and finds ready sale at remunerative prices.

A Line to be Accepted or Rejected.

A meeting of the citizens of Upper Providence will be held at Black Rock on Thursday evening, May 29, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of polling a vote for and against the line of division proposed by the committee in the matter of dividing the township. Should the line, which begins below the almshouse and extends in a southeasterly direction to Arcola, be accepted, the Court will be petitioned for the power to hold an election on the main question as to whether the township of Upper Providence shall be divided at all, and then there will be a lively time. Considerable difficulty has been encountered thus far in running a line that will most likely meet with the least opposition.

The Turf.

The opening of the Lower Providence Driving Park, Saturday afternoon, was slimly attended, owing to the fact that most people were busy preparing the ground for corn; the races at Phoenixville also interfered somewhat. Those who were present however enjoyed themselves fairly well, witnessing a few hastily arranged speed contests. The best time was made by Mr. Bean's black horse of West Point—3:04½. An accident happened to John G. Fetterolf, Jr. He was riding the roan horse towards the entrance to the track, on a lively gallop. In making the turn the animal left the track, and in doing so struck the fence and fell. Very fortunately, indeed, Mr. Fetterolf escaped with a few bruises.

Items from Black Rock.

John H. Bartman and Frank G. Steinbright, who are attending the Normal School at West Chester, recently came home to visit their friends.

Messrs. Jones and Heimer, of Ursinus college, held religious services in the Garwood school house last Sunday evening. The attendance was fair.

The Schuylkill river was low last week, lower—says good authority—than it has been for several years.

Meeting of the Garwood Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All invited.

Jottings From Ursinus.

The college base ball team again came off the field victorious last Saturday. The contest was with the Royersford club and the score was 14 to 5. The next game will be played at Swarthmore this (Thursday) afternoon with the Swarthmore college club.

Rev. Silas Messinger, '85, of Blaine, Perry county, was a visitor at school this week.

President Bomberger represented the college at the State Sanitary Convention held at Norristown last Friday. On Sunday he preached for Rev. Yost of Phoenixville; Prof. Peters filled the pulpit for Rev. J. E. Smith at Big Moore, Northampton county; and Prof. Subitz preached at Pleasantville the same day.

TOPTON.

Spring Fair.

The Spring Fair of the Montgomery Berks and Chester Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held at Pottstown, on June 3d, 4th and 5th. The admission will be 50 cents for adults, and 25 cents for children under 12 years.

An Important Law.

The Norristown Herald recently and correctly observed: “A hotel or restaurant keeper who violates the law in reference to selling to persons of known intemperate habits, makes himself liable to the revocation of his license. The Court has no option, as declared in the opinion in the Konetzki case, when proof of such violation of law is offered.”

Award Refused.

Wednesday of last week the directors of the Schuylkill Bridge Company, of Pottstown, rejected the \$40,000 award made by the juries of Montgomery and Chester counties for their bridge over the Schuylkill at Pottstown. The Company wants \$45,000. The counties can build a new and much better bridge for a little more than half that amount. Why not do it?

About to Resign.

John Slingluff, President of the Montgomery Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, also President of the Montgomery National Bank, of Norristown, will retire soon from the Trust Company Presidency, and thereafter the two institutions will be conducted by separate and distinct boards of officers.

An Extended View.

Says the Montgomery Transcript: From a point about a mile south of the village of Skippack, on the farm of George S. Hallman, the smoke of cars running on the North Pennsylvania, Stony Creek, Perkiomen and main line of the Pennsylvania railroads, can be seen. Also the villages of Franconia, Eagleview, Fairview, Trappe, and the borough Souderton. The Hilltown church also can be plainly seen.

Deadly Diphtheria.

ALLENTOWN, May 9.—Diphtheria has almost wiped out the family of Walter Elenhard, engineer at the city water works. Eight days ago he lost a 6-year-old daughter and on Wednesday a child 7 months old died. It was to have been buried this afternoon, but the death this morning of another child 2 years old, has caused a postponement of the funeral until to-morrow afternoon when both will be buried in one coffin. The only remaining child in the family took sick last night and is very low.

Two Fatal Accidents.

John Lonsdale, aged about 65 years, employed on a truck farm near Betzwood, on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad, was struck by an east-bound express train at that place Tuesday evening and instantly killed. He came from Paris, Michigan, some time ago, and was disposed to wander about.

William Schwartz of New Hanover township, was driving a pair of horses Tuesday when they took fright at something in the road and ran off. Schwartz was thrown from the vehicle and struck on his head with such force that his neck was broken, death resulting instantly.

Republican Leaders in Session.

The Republican County Committee met at Norristown Monday, and decided to hold the county convention for the selection of delegates to the State Convention on June 17. The Committee was in session when J. G. Fetterolf, of Norristown, called upon them in behalf of the Farmers' Union, asking that the party place three farmers upon the ticket. After the committee had been received the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee representing the Farmers' Union be received and that the same be commended to the consideration of the Republican party in making nominations for the Legislature.

A Confession.

POTTSTOWN, May 11.—A written confession by Lewis N. Byar, manager of the Byar Manufacturing Company, of Pottstown, in which he acknowledges the forgery of William Y. Swinehart's name to three notes, has just come to light. The notes were for \$253, \$250 and \$300, and were first discounted by the National Bank of Pottstown three years ago, when Byar failed in business. When Mr. Swinehart made an assignment last week Byar anticipated that the forgeries would be exposed and on Friday he gave to the lumber merchant a statement in which he confessed his guilt. Byar's confession is a pathetic one. He is a married man and has always been highly respected in the community and has taken an active interest in church and Sunday schools matters. Criminal proceedings will probably be instituted.

Meeting of Farmers.

The Executive Committee appointed at a previous meeting to organize a Farmers' Union met Thursday at the Farmers' Hotel, Norristown, H. C. Hoover presiding. It was proposed that the Union be identified with the Grange, but the proposition was not favorably received. A motion to change the name from “Farmers Union” to “Farmers' League” failed to carry. It was agreed to hold a mass meeting on Thursday, August 14, in the court house at Norristown. During the meeting several brief speeches in relation to the tariff and the silver question were made. J. G. Fetterolf and H. C. Hoover were appointed a committee to wait upon the Standing Committees of the Republican and Democratic parties and urge the necessity of placing at least three farmers upon each ticket for the Legislature. The next meeting will be held on the 29th of May at the same place.

Important, if True.

The latest railroad intelligence is to the effect that the Perkiomen branch of the Reading road is to be diverted at a point about Oaks Station, cross the Schuylkill in the neighborhood of Denithorne's bridge works and come direct to Phoenixville. It is a fact that plans to that effect are drawn, and that surveys have been quickly made of the route above described. Some of the reasons leading to this step are to do away with telegraph service at Perkiomen Junction, and the time lost in stopping the New York train there to take up passengers from Allentown. This plan, if carried out, will make Phoenixville the centre of another railroad system, adding more than a little to the business transacted at the Reading station.—*Phoenixville Republican.*

A Very Large Funeral.

A very large gathering of people attended the funeral services of the late Rev. H. S. Rodenbough pastor of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church. The hymns were announced by Rev. J. Hendricks, of Collegeville, Rev. Dr. C. Collins, of Philadelphia, and Rev. W. K. Anders, of Worcester; reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Dr. J. L. Janeway, was followed by a prayer by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., of Collegeville. The sermon delivered at the request of the deceased, was by Rev. Dr. Thos. Murphy of Frankford, who is now the senior member of the Presbytery. He spoke tenderly and earnestly of deceased, bringing out truthfully his marked traits of character. A brief address was made by Rev. Dr. Jos. Beggs, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. R. Beeber.

Directors Elected.

NORRISTOWN, May 13.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the suspended Montgomery Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: John Slingluff, Charles H. Stinson, Anthony Seipt, John S. Heebner, Albert Longacre, Samuel Dresher, Charles Hunsicker, John J. Corson, B. E. Chain, William B. Rambo, Solomon Gilbert, Michael O'Brien, Samuel S. Kohn, S. M. B. Childs, John N. Jacobs, and F. G. Stinson. All were members of the old board except Messrs. Jacobs and Stinson, who were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the death of A. R. Cox and the resignation of William F. Slingluff, the unfortunate ex-treasurer and secretary. There were only 890 votes cast. Opposition centred on Ex-Councilman Henry Lehman, of Lehman & Bolton, Philadelphia, for director, but he got only 45 votes. The intention had been to elect an entire new board, but as that would reflect on the old, they were re-elected.

At West Chester.

There are 519 students at the West Chester Normal School. The list of students present from Montgomery county is unusually large, and includes the following: Allie G. Plank, Jacob G. Weikel, Laura Zollers, Trappe; Ella Buckwalter, Abram S. Buckwalter, Mary C. Bean, Royersford; Maggie Hallman, Providence Square; Ella S. Espensh, Mary L. Schwenk, A. B. Wagner, Grater's Ford; James Evans, Linfield; J. D. Hunsicker, Ella Espensh, Schwenksville; Bessie Grater, Bessie J. Weikel, Fairview Village; Lizzie Reiner, Harry Saylor, Eagleview; Lillian Brecht, Sallie A. Huber, A. B. Mensch, Skippack; Elmer B. Ziegler, Hannah K. Kline, F. C. Stauffer, Limerick; Elizabeth McClean, Ella Moser, Norristown; S. K. Brecht, Charles K. Meschter, Samuel H. Shultz, W. C. Slough, Worcester; F. U. Steinbright, Blue Bell; Minnie Seiple, Centre Square; Henry Reiff, J. J. Reiff, Creamery.

Big Shortages.

The defalcation of ex-Bank Cashier William F. Slingluff, as treasurer of the Norristown Water Company created additional surprise and excitement at Norristown, beginning of the present week. His shortage in other concerns in which he was interested was secured by collaterals, or his promissory notes, but not a scratch of the pen indicated that he had used for his own purposes \$21,000 of the water company's money in his hands as its treasurer. The question is being frequently asked, will Slingluff be arrested? The general belief is that no arrest will follow. It is said that the defaulter's sister, Mrs. Rex, and his father-in-law, Mr. Streep, of Barren Hill, and other members of the Slingluff family, will make good the shortage to the water company and some or all of the other institutions suffering loss through Slingluff's mania for speculation.

TO RESUME.

It is stated that after conversion of the securities and property transferred by Mr. Slingluff to the trust company and the payment of the company's liabilities a balance of \$100,000 will still remain in the trust's treasury, with which business will again be resumed.

Second Anniversary.

At the second anniversary of the Lower Providence Alumni Association, held last Saturday evening, the following interesting program was presented in an excellent manner:

Voluntary, “Hour of Song,” Quartette; Invocation, Rev. S. O. Perry; Address of Welcome, by President; Duet, Misses Weikel and Highly; Recitation, “Yes, I am Guilty,” Miss Lizzie Landis; Music, Tebboggan Polka, Quartette; Oration, “What's Life,” Mr. Wm. Rogers; Music, “Old Rocking Chair,” solo and chorus; Essay, “Accomplishments,” Miss Harriet Hallman; Music, “Annie Rooney,” Quartette; Recitation, “Wreck of Hesperus,” Miss Flora Hiser; Duet, “Moonlight,” Misses Weikel and Highly; Poem, Captain's Well, Miss Janet Corson; Music, “Bird Call,” Quartette; Eulogy, “Rev. Dr. E. E. Hig-

bee,” Mr. Ralph L. Johnson; Music, Easter Bells,” Quartette; Recitation, “King Volmer,” Miss Maggie F. Rogers; Music, Dreams and Faces,” Quartette; Benediction, Rev. S. O. Perry. Miss Cora R. Perry presided; Miss Lizzie Reiner, Secretary.

From Limerick.

Dr. S. E. Damb moved his family to his mother's place, on last Thursday, where he will superintend the farming operations in connection with his veterinary practice.

We attended the Sunday school convention held in Linfield chapel, Rev. J. A. Mertz, pastor, on Wednesday, May 7. W. H. Mosteller, M. D., presided, and O. T. Taney of Spring City was secretary. We will give you a few hints in reference to the program and a few prominent features. In the absence of Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, Rev. J. B. Soule of the Parkerford Baptist church made an excellent impromptu address on “The Model Sunday School Superintendent.” Rev. L. G. Kremer of Spring City addressed us on “The mistakes made in Sunday schools.” He seemed to emphasize the mistake of making the Sunday school a place of entertainment, or a “show,” as he termed it; although he proved rather entertaining himself during the day. Mr. Kremer is “level-headed” however, and when he is put to work he does it with signal ability. Rev. F. C. Yost of Phoenixville gave us a beautiful and eloquent address on “How can the buried talent be brought to use in the Sunday school?” Mr. Yost has the happy forte of making others feel that which he himself feels, and that is true eloquence. Rev. E. D. Wettach spoke with considerable oratorical effect on “Grace, grit and greenbacks, the three essential requisites in every Sunday school.” Mr. Wettach did credit to himself and to the committee who assigned him his part. Dr. Mosteller spoke briefly and to the point on “What constitutes success in Sunday school work.” After disposing of the question box and miscellaneous business they adjourned to meet in St. John's church, Phoenixville, in October. We must not forget the hospitality that was extended to all by the Linfield people. A sumptuous feast was prepared for all visitors, under a large canvas tent—a shelter from rain or sunshine as the case might be. The horses were taken charge of and fed “free gratis.” Suffice it to say it was the most interesting, the most instructive and the most enjoyable Sunday school convention we ever attended.

A man named Fields, who has just died near Danville, Ky., never, it is said, though sixty-seven years old, slept a single night out of the house in which he was born, and never ate but one meal away from home.

Silkworms when newly hatched scarcely weigh one quarter of an ounce, yet in the course of their life, they only last about thirty-five days, they will consume between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds of leaves.

PUBLIC SALE OF

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Will be sold at public sale, on TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1890, at the residence of Emanuel Eapenish, the late residence of Ann Cassel, deceased, near Perkiomen Bridge, in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., the following Household Goods: Bureau, corner cupboard, dining table, 3 bedsteads, small clock, large chest, looking glasses, trunk, settee, one office stove, Windsor chairs, large rocker, clothes rack, carpets of all kinds, large assortment of glass, queens and crockeryware, home-made linens, blankets, coverlets, quilts, counterpanes; bedding of all kinds, as pillows, chaff bags, &c.; wash bowl and pitcher, wash boiler, small child's chair, German Bible 114 years old, old English Bible, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, p. m., when conditions of sale will be made known by SAMUEL CASSEL, Executor.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. D. L. Miller, clerk.

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PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, MAY 19, '90, at Gross' Collegeville Hotel, 20 fresh cows from Western Pennsylvania. They are a lot of finely shaped cows, big bags, and extra milkers—just the kind to suit this market. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by

H. H. ALLEBACH.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. I. H. Johnson, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1890, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, one car load of fresh cows direct from Western Pennsylvania. This will be an extra lot of fine cows, and it will be to the interest of purchasers to attend this sale. Sale at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

J. S. FREDERICK, Agent.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. C. U. Bean, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1890, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, 20 head of fresh cows and springers from Lebanon and Lancaster counties. This is an excellent stock, selected with care. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by

SILAS W. FISHER, Agent.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. C. U. Bean, clerk.

HORSES AT PRIVATE SALE!

The undersigned will arrive and have for sale on and after May 7, 1890, at his Limerick Stables, a fine lot of Western HORSES, selected with great care for the use of the Eastern Market. Will sell at private sale or exchange on horses fit for market. Call and inspect them.

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